Drinking water programmes in villages

32. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHUGY: will the Minister of AGRI CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of drinking water in drought affected areas particularly in the 2.35 lakh problem villages of' the coun try which continue to be neglected;

(b) whether it is also a fact thai istance provided by the Central Govern ment to the State Governments for drinking water programmes are. not being utili-
• sed properly by the respective State Gov. ornments: and

(c) if so, the taken solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVE. LOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM AN AND YADAV): (a) to (c) Drinking Water scarcity conditions have developed in some parts of the fifteen drought affected States due to failure of the Monsoon. To combat the situation. Government of India has released. Rs. 51.40 crores hoc ways and mean's advance to15 States. In addition. Rs. 14.58 crores 'nas been released to 13 of these States for purchase of drilling rigs and other accessories. Physical and financial progress of the programme for supply of drinking water in rural areas being implemented by the States is being monitored at the Central Government level. The progress is adequate and funds are being utilised by the States in accordance with the approved programmes\Schemes.

Impact of Doordarshan programmes on society

33. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Doordarshan studies and assesses the impact of its programme on •society;

(b) if so, at what interval it is done and how it is done; and

(c) if there is no such provision's whether this point will be considered'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJJT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Problem-oriented studies are under-by Doordarshan from time to time,periodic assessments, keeping inview the requirements of the organisation.These studies are based on scientific re-reh techniques and methodology.

I Doss not arise.

Adverse effect of serials on youth

.34. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING- be pleased to stale:

(a) whether there is an:
as such that the T.V. series o$_n$ drags have been affecting the youth adversely;

(b) if- not, whether there is any proposal to conduct a study or, it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Barring a few com plain rials on drugs have gene rally been appreciated by Ihe viewers.

(b) NO, Sir.

Selection of serial 'Manoranjan'

35. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Doordarshan patronises low and vulgar humour;

(b) the reasons, for selecting the serial 'M moranjan' for telecasting; , and

(c) what are the criteria for selection of a serial for telecasting'